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## Max B. Lurie, MD

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## *Tribute* Max B. Lurie, MD

Max Bernard Lurie was born in Lithuania in 1893. He received his MD from Cornell University Medical College in 1921, seven years after he became a naturalized citizen. From the start his bent was toward research. From 1922 to 1926 he was Assistant in the Research Department at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Thereafter his career was spent entirely at the Henry Phipps Institute of the University of Pennsylvania where he rose to Professor of Experimental Pathology in 1955 and Emeritus Professor in 1962.

Small in stature, great in heart, this brilliant investigator has received many honors, among which are the Claude Bernard Medal and the Trudeau Medal. He has published 92 papers on the pathogenesis, epidemiology, and nature of immunity and native resistance in tuberculosis.

Little has been said of the courage of this man who, year after year, depended only on ultraviolet radiation to protect him from his ingeniously devised exposures of rabbits to virulent tubercle bacilli.



This tribute is being paid to Max Lurie on the occasion of the publication by the Harvard Press of his magnum opus—*Resistance to Tuberculosis: Experimental Studies in Native and Acquired Defensive Mechanisms*. In May, 1964, presenting the Amberson Lecture before the American Thoracic Society, René Dubos<sup>1</sup> said, “My first intention indeed had been to retrace the history of Calmette’s famous BCG vaccine, and of BCG vaccination. A few months ago, however, I was given the privilege of reviewing the manuscript of a new book by Dr. Max Lurie, . . . [which] focussed my interest on the cellular mechanism of immunity, a subject to which Lurie has made original and profound contributions, the relevance of which extends far beyond tuberculosis. . . .”

We deem it a rare privilege to join with Dubos and the American Thoracic Society in honoring Max Lurie as a fine, sensitive human being and one of the greatest living investigators in his field.

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